

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawing includes changes to Fig. 4.

Attachment: Replacement sheet

REMARKS

This application contains claims 1-43, of which claims 21-23, 25-34, and 36-43 are currently being prosecuted. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Objection to the drawings under 35 CFR 1.83(a)

The drawings were objected to under 35 CFR 1.83(a), for failure to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Applicant thanks Examiner Bayard for the courtesy of a telephonic interview with Applicant's representative, Benjamin M. Fishman (Reg. No. 57,030), held on May 26, 2006. During the interview, the required amendments to the drawings were discussed. Mr. Fishman suggested adding a flow chart showing the steps of the claimed method. Examiner Bayard indicated that inclusion of such a flow chart would likely overcome the objection to the drawings.

Applicant accordingly submits herewith a new Fig. 4 in order to remedy the defect in the drawings. The specification (paragraph [0072]) has been amended to accord with the change in the drawings. No new matter has been added. The steps of the flow chart of new Fig. 4 are supported in the specification as filed by at least the following:

| Step in flow chart | Support in specification |
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| 100 | "the user is enabled to designate, at the time of writing or sending an e-mail message, whether a file attached thereto should be saved on the user's computer with the e-mail message, or whether only the e-mail message should be saved" (paragraph [0072]). "receiving as input from a sender the e-mail message and the attachment for transmission to a recipient" (paragraph [0047]). |
| 102 | "the user is enabled to designate, at the time of writing or sending an e-mail message, whether a file attached thereto |

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| | should be saved on the user's computer with the e-mail message, or whether only the e-mail message should be saved" (paragraph [0072]). "receiving as input from the sender an instruction indicative of whether to save the attachment" (paragraph [0048]). |
| 104 | "Preferably, if the user chooses not to save the attached file with the e-mail message, then the name of the attached file and/or other identifying information is saved with the message" (paragraph [0072]). "responsive to the instruction indicating not to save the attachment, saving the e-mail message without the attachment" (paragraph [0050]). |
| 106 | "the user is enabled to designate, at the time of writing or sending an e-mail message, whether a file attached thereto should be saved on the user's computer with the e-mail message" (paragraph [0072]). |

Claim rejections under 103(a)

Claims 21-23, 25-26, 29-31, 34, 36-37, and 40-43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,327,612 to Watanabe in view of Notes/Domino R5 Beta Feedback Forum to Calabria. Claims 27-28, 32-33, and 38-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watanabe in view of Calabria, and further in view of US Patent 6,256,672 to Redpath.

Statement of common ownership for purposes of 35 U.S.C. 103(c)

The Applicant respectfully traverses the above-mentioned rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of claims 21-23, 25-34, 36-37, and 38-43. At the time the present invention was made, the inventors were under obligation to assign the invention to International

Business Machines Corporation (IBM), which was also the assignee of the application that issued as the Watanabe patent, and of the application that issued as the Redpath patent. Assignments to IBM of the present application and the applications that issued as the Watanabe and Redpath patents have been duly filed and recorded. Both the Watanabe and Redpath patents issued after the February 14, 2001 filing date of the present application, and thus are available as potential prior art against the present application only under 35 U.S. 102(e). Therefore, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 103(c), the Watanabe and Redpath patents are not available under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as potential prior art against the present application. Consequently, claims 21-23, 25-34, 36-37, and 38-43 recite allowable subject matter.

The Applicant believes the amendments and remarks presented hereinabove to be fully responsive to all of the grounds of objection and rejection raised by the Examiner. In view of these amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims in the present application are now in order for allowance. Notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

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